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National Native Plant Month

National Organizations

National Audubon Society

Center for Plant Conservation

National Parks Conservation Association

National Wildlife Federation

The Nature Conservancy

Garden Club of America

Keep America Beautiful

Native Plant Society of the United States

The Great Healthy Yard Project

Wild Ones: Native Plants

Regional Organizations

Native Plant Trust

Weed Wrangle

The Wilderness Center

Pollinator Partnership, Great Lakes Region

Western Reserve Land Conservancy

State and Local Organizations

Alabama

Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Little Garden Club of Birmingham (GCA)

Alaska

Alaska Botanical Gardens
Alaska Master Gardeners Anchorage
Anchorage Soil & Water Conservation District

Alaska Invasive Species Partnership
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Arizona

Arizona Native Plant Society

California

California Native Plant Society

Colorado

Denver Botanic Garden

Connecticut

Native Plant Trust, Connecticut

Delaware

University of Delaware, Dr. Doug Tallamy

Florida

Florida Native Plant Society

Hawaii

Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle
Laukahi: The Hawai'i Plant Conservation Network

Idaho

Idaho Native Plant Society

Illinois

The Illinois Native Plant Society

Indiana

Gibson Woods Chapter of Wild Ones
Indiana Native Plant Society
Save the Dunes
Indiana Native Plant Society
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Iowa

Loess Hills Wild Ones

Kentucky

Kentucky Native Plant Society

Louisiana

Louisiana Native Plant Society

People and Pollinators Action Network

National Tropical Botanical Garden

Illinois Prairie Chapter for Wild Ones

Hoosier Environmental Council
Indiana Wildlife Federation
Wild Ones South Bend Chapter
Indiana Nature LLC

Iowa Native Plant Society

Native Plant Initiative of Greater New Orleans

Maryland

Horticulture Society of Maryland
Wild Ones Nation's Capital Chapter

Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club

Maine

Native Plant Trust, Maine
Wild Ones Midcoast Maine

Wild Ones - Arrowhead Chapter
Camden Garden Club

Massachusetts

Native Plant Trust, Massachusetts

Grow Native Massachusetts

Michigan

Friends of Buck Creek

Plaster Creek Stewards, Calvin
University

Wild Ones Mid-Mitten Chapter

Mississippi

Mississippi Native Plant Society

Missouri

Cass County Sustainability
Committee
The Missouri Prairie Foundation

South Grand River Watershed
Alliance
The Westport Garden Club (GCA)

Montana

Montana Native Plant Society

Nebraska

Nebraska Statewide Arboretum

Nebraska Native Plant Society

Nevada

Nevada Native Plant Society

New Hampshire

Native Plant Trust, New Hampshire

New Jersey

Wild Ones New Jersey Gateway
Chapter

New York

New York Botanical Garden

North Carolina

The North Carolina Native Plant Society

Ohio

Aullwood Audubon, Dayton

Federated Garden Clubs, Cincinnati and Vicinity
Medina County Park District

Ohio Environmental Council (OEC)
Ohio Native Plant Month
Summit Soil & Water Conservation District

The Nature Conservancy for Ohio

Lake Erie Allegheny Partnership

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Native Plant Society

Oregon

Native Plant Society of Oregon

Rhode Island

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South Carolina

South Carolina Botanical Garden

South Dakota

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Tennessee

Reflection Riding Arboretum & Nature Center
Wild Ones Middle Tennessee Chapter

Texas

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Wild Ones Charlotte Piedmont Chapter

Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District
Big Creek Connects

Native Plant Society of Northeastern Ohio

Nature Scoop
Save Ohio Bees
The Dawes Arboretum

Laurel Garden Club of Brooklyn, Ohio

South Dakota Grasslands Coalition

Tennessee Plant Conservation Alliance

Native Plant Society of Texas

Utah

Utah Native Plant Society

Vermont

Native Plant Trust, Vermont

Virginia

Wild Ones Appalachian Highlands Chapter

Wild Ones Richmond Virginia Chapter

Washington

Washington Native Plant Society

West Virginia

Lubeck Acres Garden Club

Lubeck School Conservation & Garden Club

Wisconsin

Aldo Leopold Foundation

Wyoming

Wyoming Native Plant Society

Businesses

Green Gardens Education and Designs, *Georgia*

Indiana Nature LLC

Deep Roots, Inc., *Kansas and Missouri*

Michigan Wildflower Farm

Gaylena's Garden, *Missouri*

Hartke Nursery, *Missouri*

The GardeNerd, *Missouri*

Supporting Quotes

National

"Keep America Beautiful is proud to offer continued support of the National Native Plant Month resolution. The Great American Cleanup, celebrating its 25th year this Spring, works to make our communities more clean, green and beautiful. Native Plant Month helps draw attention to the importance of these species to a healthy environment." - **Jenny Lawson, President and CEO, Keep America Beautiful**

"Native plants in our national parks like the whitebark pine at Yellowstone and seagrasses at Everglades are vital to the wildlife that rely on them for food, shelter and protection. But more frequent and severe floods, wildfires, hurricanes and droughts due to climate change are challenging our park's native species like never before, putting entire ecosystems at risk. The bipartisan National Native Plant Month resolution is critical to helping our parks combat these impacts and prevent some of our most iconic plants and animals from being lost forever. We commend Representatives Neguse, Buck, Case, and Joyce for their leadership in getting this resolution over the finish line, and their continued support for our national park's native plants." - **Theresa Pierno, President and CEO, National Parks Conservation Association**

"Native plants support the local ecology and provide vital nutrients for pollinators like monarch butterflies, hummingbirds, bees and more. We fully support Representatives Neguse, Buck, Case, and Joyce's resolution to designate this April as National Native Plant Month and we encourage everyone at home to take action this April. It's as easy as incorporating native plants into gardens and landscaping this spring, the smallest actions can make the biggest difference for our communities." - **Patrick Fitzgerald, Senior Director of Community Wildlife, National Wildlife Federation**

"The Garden Club of America (GCA) commends Congressmen Neguse, Buck, Case, and Joyce for introducing the House resolution to designate April as National Native Plant Month. Since all life on earth depends on the health of our planet, and plants are the foundation of life, legislation of this type is critical. Our ecosystems benefit from native plants – stabilizing soil, filtering water, cleaning air, and supporting pollinators and wildlife. The GCA is committed to preserving and expanding our system of richly varied natural habitats and protecting native plant biodiversity. This official designation will create an opportunity to educate gardeners about the benefits of using native plants and, hopefully, result in more native plants being introduced

into local landscapes.” - **Debbie Oliver, President, The Garden Club of America**

"The Great Healthy Yard Project applauds the adoption of Native Plant month as a way to change the aesthetic of American yards. With native plants Americans can have more beautiful yards without synthetic chemicals. Since these chemicals wash from our yards into our drinking water, this is one of the best ways to protect our water and our families' health. Especially now with the stress of the pandemic, and climate related issues impacting every region of the country, this is a wonderful time for natural gardening with native plants. It is enjoyable, and helps the environment, our families, and wildlife.” - **Diane Lewis, M.D. Author and Founder of the Great Healthy Yard Project.**

"We applaud Representatives Neguse, Buck, Case, and Joyce for their resolution to make April 2023 National Native Plant Month. At a time when our planet faces the crises of biodiversity loss and climate change, native plants' role as lynchpins of local ecosystems has never been more important. Congress must mark this recognition by advancing policies and investments that will preserve native species' and the benefits they provide for both people and nature." - **Tom Cors, Sr. Director, Legislative Affairs, The Nature Conservancy**

“Native plants provide relief from the many challenges birds face, including a changing climate and habitat loss,” **said Jesse Walls, senior director for government affairs, National Audubon Society.** “Planting natives, wherever you are, is good for birds, people, and the places we all need. We thank Representative Neguse for introducing this resolution to recognize April as “National Native Plant Month.”

“Native Plants, Natural Landscapes promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities. Recognition of a Native Plant Month supports education and advocacy efforts in many organizations to restore native ecosystems and support all of our efforts to heal our planet.” – **Jen Ainsworth, Executive Director of Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes**

Regional/State

"The Ohio Native Plant Month organization commends Representatives Neguse, Buck, Case, and Joyce for the introduction of a House resolution to designate April 2023 as National Native Plant Month. To save our planet we must protect the health of our water, air, and soil. To save wildlife we need to provide them with ample food and shelter. Given our native plants have evolved over time alongside local wildlife, many caterpillars, insects, pollinators, birds, and other animals, depend on native plants for their food and survival. This legislation provides an annual platform to help educate the public about the importance of native plants, and encourages all landowners to plant more native plants to feed wildlife." – **Nancy Linz, President and Co-Founder, Ohio Native Plant Month, Founder, National Native Plant Month**

"On behalf of our members in New England and across the country, Native Plant Trust, the nation's first plant conservation organization, enthusiastically supports designating April as National Native Plant Month. With the accelerating crises of climate change and loss of biodiversity, we need to raise public awareness of the importance of native plants in ensuring healthy, fully functioning landscapes —and in securing the food chain that leads to our own dinner tables. National recognition can bolster our efforts to conserve, grow, and educate people about the native plants of our region." - **Debbi Edelstein, Executive Director, Native Plant Trust**

"Native plants are critical to the diet and life cycles of many bees, butterflies, birds, and other wildlife. Not only do these plants beautify and diversify our landscape, they also help clean our air and water, sequester carbon, stabilize soils, feed imperiled wildlife, and so much more. Protection, support, and education regarding the importance and benefits of native plants is paramount to the future success of pollinator conservation in the United States. Pollinator Partnership supports Representatives Neguse, Buck, Case, and Joyce in their resolution to designate this April as National Native Plant Month and thanks them for their continued efforts to raise awareness about the critical role these species play in our landscaping and natural areas." - **Amber Barnes, Pollinator Partnership, Great Lakes Region**

"Weed Wrangle®, is thrilled to support National Native Plant Month. We believe we would have a healthier ecosystem, if we were not being overrun with non-native invasive plants. We educate volunteers with hands on removal projects in public parks and green spaces and encourage the replanting of native plants to increase biodiversity." - **Cayce McAlister, Garden Club of Nashville, Coordinator, Weed Wrangle®**

“Permanently preserving land means the habitat that native plants and wildlife will be protected now and for future generations. Ohio is home to many special plant species indigenous to our region, and providing a thriving habitat is critical to ensure they prosper. At Western Reserve Land Conservancy, our stewardship of conserved landscapes includes removing invasive species and ensuring they don’t return. We applaud Reps. Neguse, Buck, Case, and Joyce for their recognition of the importance of a healthy, native landscape by reintroducing their resolution declaring April as National Native Plant Month.” – **Rich Cochran, President and CEO, Western Reserve Land Conservancy**

“Native plants are an integral part of regional ecosystems that do not follow political boundaries. Conserving and promoting these plants promotes healthy communities of all types and at every level.” - **Mike Monterusso, Executive Director, Alaska Botanical Garden**

"Designating a National Native Plant Month each and every year is a way to increase public recognition of the necessity of native plants for healthy ecosystems and communities. In Alaska, we need native plants in our landscape to support local pollinators and other wildlife, and for other important reasons, including Alaska Native food sovereignty and food security." - **Elizabeth Bluemink, President, Alaska Native Plant Society**

“Denver Botanic Gardens supports the resolution to designate April as National Native Plant Month. Native plants are those best suited to our local climates and support native insects and wildlife. We connect people with plants, native plants in particular, through our horticultural displays, educational programming and scientific studies. We should all celebrate our native plants and the unique beauty they bring to our local landscapes.” - **Jennifer Neale, Director of Research & Conservation, Denver Botanic Gardens**

“Native plants are the most powerful tool in our conservation tool box; without increasing their use and protection, we will fail in our conservation efforts. National Native Plant Month will help spread this important message. We can restore biodiversity and ecosystem function one person at a time – please plant natives and get on the Homegrown National Park™ MAP www.homegrownnationalpark.org.” – **Dr. Doug Tallamy, University of Delaware**

“The Florida Native Plant Society is pleased to support this Resolution which celebrates the relationship between native plants and every aspect of our daily lives. Native plants provide habitat, serve as a food source and are an essential prerequisite to the conservation of our native wildlife for

generations to come.” – **Lynda Davis, Executive Director, Florida Native Plant Society**

"Laukahi: The Hawai'i Plant Conservation Network applauds the resolution designating April 2023 as "National Native Plant Month". Every plant has value. Plants contribute to holistic and healthy ecosystems, providing vital services and improving the quality of our lives, and are part of our culture and identity. This resolution will help amplify the work and messages from the Laukahi Network, whose dedicated members protect Hawai'i's native plants through coordinated conservation efforts." - **Kimberly Shay, the Laukahi Network Coordinator**

"At the National Tropical Botanical Garden, we are committed to the perpetuation of Hawai'i's irreplaceable native plants. These species are at the very foundation of our ecosystems, the livelihoods of our communities, and the essence of culture. Dedicating a month to native plants across the country is a great way to foster appreciation and inspire action for these increasingly imperiled species that are critical to life on our island home—from the 'āina of Hawai'i to the entire planet." - **Janet Mayfield, CEO and Executive Director, National Tropical Botanical Garden.**

"The Illinois Native Plant Society stands in support of the House Resolution to declare April 2023 as National Native Plant Month. The native plants of Illinois and our high-quality natural areas are precious and under threat. We have to hope National Native Plant Month will encourage people to protect native plants, support good management of natural areas and use many native plants in both private and public landscapes. Thank you, Representatives Neguse, Buck, Case, and Joyce for sponsoring this resolution." - **Janine Catchpole, President, Illinois Native Plant Society**

"The Indiana Native Plant Society is excited to support the Resolution designating April 2023 as National Native Plant Month. Native plants are key to supporting biodiversity, which is in steep decline. Conserving and increasing native plant populations is vital. We thank Representatives Neguse, Buck, Case, and Joyce for supporting this legislation." - **Coralie Palmer, President, Indiana Native Plant Society**

"Our organization, State of Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management (SICIM), supports the resolution to make April 2023 National Native Plant Month. Native plants are some of the species most impacted by invasive species. Native plants in Indiana (like majestic bur oak trees and the captivating royal catchfly wildflower) are species we try to use, as an organization, to captivate landowners around the state about the beauty of

Indiana's natural areas and a reason to manage invasive threats. In addition, a lot of invasive plants were initially introduced intentionally for horticulture, agriculture, or conservation. If only we had promoted the use of native plants as alternatives, we would have a lot fewer invasive plant threats to deal with now. We appreciate your willingness to bring this important resolution to the House." - **Will Drews, Chair, State of Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management**

"Native plants are the building blocks of a healthy environment. A functional ecosystem requires a foundation of native plants to support the wildlife that depends on them. In our increasingly human-impacted landscape, a focus on utilization of native plantings is essential to a more resilient environment allowing both humans and wildlife to thrive." - **Dan Boritt, Executive Director, Indiana Wildlife Federation**

"We are excited to shine a national spotlight on the importance of native plants through the designation of April as National Native Plant Month. Native plants help our ecosystems and wildlife thrive in Northwest Indiana, and are often less maintenance than non-native options. We'd like to thank Indiana Senator Mike Braun for his part in introducing the resolution." – **Betsy Maher, Executive Director, Save the Dunes**

"The Kentucky Native Plant Society is in full support of the House resolution to designate the month of April as National Native Plant Month! Native plants are essential to both the well-being of our natural ecosystems and the public enjoyment of these native ecosystems. This resolution is in full alignment with our organizational purpose to promote conservation of native plants and natural plant communities and to promote public education in botanical science." - **Jeff Nelson, President, Kentucky Native Plant Society**

"Native plants are vital to our local ecology and we support them having a month to recognize their role in our environment and importance to the planet." – **Cayla Mäki-Pittman, Wild Ones Midcoast Maine Chapter Co-Founder**

"The Camden Garden Club is a proud founding member of the Garden Club Federation of Maine and a strong supporter of native plants." — **Lucy Ebbert, Camden Garden Club President**

"Native plants are the necessary heart of healthy ecosystems. It is essential that we as a nation recognize the ecological importance of native plants, and do everything we can to promote the conservation of native plants in wild spaces as well as the use of native plants (and other sustainable gardening

practices) in managed landscapes.” - **Heather Pruiksma, Executive Director, Grow Native Massachusetts**

"As President of the Mississippi Native Plant Society, and as a green industry professional with 33 years of experience, I know there are many reasons to support the use of plants native their ecological regions in landscaping and garden design. I am proud of the fact that Mississippi recently passed, and Governor Reeves signed, legislation making April Native Plant Month at the state level." - **Toby Gray, Mississippi Native Plant Society President**

"The Montana Native Plant Society supports the resolution in the House designating the month of April as National Native Plant Month. THE GOALS of the Montana Native Plant Society are to preserve, conserve, and study the native plants and plant communities of Montana, and to educate the public about the values of our native flora." - **Patrick Plantenberg, Montana Native Plant Society President**

"Nevada is home to more than 2,800 native species of flowering plants, making it the 10th most botanically diverse state in the nation. Much of this diversity is found in relatively small "islands" within the "oceans" of sagebrush, greasewood, or creosote bush that greet the eyes of most highway travelers. Such islands include more than 300 named mountain ranges in the state, the highest reaching over 13,000 feet above sea level; isolated springs and wetlands, some with very ancient roots; sand dunes large and small; and pockets of unusual soils weathered from the state's rich geologic heritage. About 300 native Nevada plants, including most of our endemics, are considered vulnerable enough to extinction to be of conservation concern." - **Emma Wynn, Vice President, Nevada Native Plant Society**

"On behalf of The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG), we applaud your efforts to again designate April as National Native Plant Month. We wholeheartedly endorse this effort, and commit to educating the public about native plants year-round, but especially in the month of April. Since our founding in 1891, NYBG has been an advocate for the plant kingdom. Native plants are featured throughout our 250 acres in the densely populated borough of the Bronx, and featured in our very own Native Plant Garden. This 3.5-acre garden celebrates the beauty of plants native to the American Northeast. Nearly 100,000 native trees, shrubs, wildflowers, ferns, and grasses were planted in a carefully planned contemporary design that harmonizes with the natural landscape. Many of the plants in the Native Plant Garden provide shelter and sustenance for wildlife, making this garden a magnet for squirrels, chipmunks, frogs, and a colorful array of birds and butterflies. This garden also serves as a serene oasis for urban families wishing to learn more about

sustainable practices and the benefits of native plant use in their own homes and communities. As we turn the corner into spring, NYBG applauds your efforts and will uphold your statement that “native plants are essential components of resilient ecosystems and our natural heritage” in our practice and public education.” - **Aaron Bouska, Vice President for Government and Community Relations, The New York Botanical Garden**

“The North Carolina Native Plant Society applauds the sponsoring Representatives’ interest in environmental awareness, and supports your proposal to designate April 2023 as “National Native Plant Month”. As a next step, our Society also encourages the development and/or support of legislation that would address the causes of native plant decline.” - **Ken Bridle, President, North Carolina Native Plant Society**

"Native plants support dozens of wildlife species including birds and insects. They also provide food for our bees, who pollinate our food crops. Without bees, we will not be able to continue to feed the world's population. We need native plants in order to continue to flourish." - **Alexis R. Faust, Executive Director, Aullwood Audubon, Dayton, Ohio**

“Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District supports the resolution to designate April as National Native Plant Month. Not only do native plants provide resources for local fauna but they often have long root systems that can penetrate the soil up to 20 feet, increasing the ability of soil to absorb and retain stormwater, while increasing organic matter and providing food for microbes in the soil. Practices like shrinking lawns and swapping out invasive plants like the Bradford/Callery Pear Tree for native alternatives will help support conservation in our communities for years to come.” - **Kristin Hall, Executive Director, Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District**

“The Native Plant Society of Northeastern Ohio, the founding chapter of the Ohio Native Plant Society, is proud to support Representatives Neguse, Buck, Case, and Joyce for sponsoring a resolution to make April National Native Plant Month. The resolution follows along with our goals and mission: Promote conservation of Native Plants and Natural Communities through habitat protection and other means; Foster public knowledge and appreciation of native plants; Support natural landscaping; Raise awareness of the ethical issues regarding native plants; Encourage surveys and research into native species and the publication of findings; and Promote cooperation with other programs and organizations concerned with the conservation of natural resources.” - **Judy Barnhart, President, Native Plant Society of Northeastern Ohio**

“Our native plants are cornerstones of our environment, and crucial to the health and success of pollinators, wildlife, and our economy. The Ohio Environmental Council applauds Representatives Neguse, Buck, Case, and Joyce for their leadership in recognizing and celebrating America’s natural heritage and ecological bounty. Let’s make April 2023 National Native Plant Month and let’s get planting!” – **Nathan Johnson, Public Lands Director for the Ohio Environmental Council**

“The [Lake Erie Allegheny Partnership \(LEAP\)](#) is a consortium of conservation-related organizations, located in the glaciated Allegheny plateau, dedicated to the conservation of biodiversity in the region. Our members are concerned about the threat of invasive species and strive to recommend and promote the use of native plants in small backyard landscaping as well as in large scale habitat restoration projects. We applaud and fully support Representatives Neguse, Buck, Case, and Joyce in bringing this Resolution forward. By recognizing Ohio Native Plant Month, we direct attention to the serious threat of invasive plants and highlight the ecological importance of native plants in our landscape. “ - **Renee Boronka on behalf of the Lake Erie Allegheny Partnership**

“One in four North American bee species currently face the threat of extinction including the American bumble bee. Native flowering plants, including herbs, shrubs, and trees, are vital to sustaining native pollinators, complex ecosystems, other wildlife, and the food web. Native plants may also contribute to nature-based climate change strategies by sequestering carbon, preventing erosion, conserving water, and cooling the atmosphere. April’s designation as National Native Plant Month highlights the interdependence of native plants, human health, and ecological health, and encourages communities to restore native plants to the landscape.” - **Tracy Teuscher, Founder, Save Ohio Bees™**

“Summit Soil and Water Conservation District (SSWCD) supports the resolution to designate April 2021 as National Native Plant month. Native plants are extremely crucial on several levels. They provide nutrient rich food and habitat for our native animals and insects, they do not require fertilizer or watering, increase soil structure, organic matter, soil health and infiltration of surface water which reduces downstream flooding.” – **Brian Prunty, District Administrator, Summit Soil and Water Conservation District**

“The Dawes Arboretum is excited with the passage of the House resolution that establishes April as National Native Plant Month. This resolution helps bring greater awareness to the essential role native plants play in our everyday lives. As an Ohio Native Plant Learning Center, The Dawes

Arboretum looks forward to celebrating National Native Plant Month with expanded educational opportunities that promote an appreciation and understanding of Ohio native plants.” – **Luke Messinger, Executive Director of the Dawes Arboretum, located in Newark, OH**

“Nature Scoop inspires the public to landscape with native plants, particularly those plants that bees and native butterfly/moth caterpillars eat (like milkweed for the Monarch butterfly). Native plants are terribly fragmented (too few and too isolated), so we need to fill in the gaps by adding native plants to our yards and communities. Each of us can save the plant and animal services (i.e., releasing oxygen into the air, cleaning our drinking water, pollinating our food...) that humans depend upon by planting beautiful native plants.” - **Toni Stahl, Habitat Ambassador, Nature Scoop**

“The Nature Conservancy thanks Representatives Neguse, Buck, Case, and Joyce for their efforts to gain House approval of the resolution naming April 2023 National Native Plant Month. Ohio’s native plants aren’t just beautiful and diverse; they are hardier, require less water and no pesticides or fertilizers. They also support an abundance of pollinators, which are vital to our nation’s food production through pollination and pest control. Native Plant Month is an important tool for raising awareness of the true benefits Ohio’s natural environment provides and we are so pleased to see it supported by Representatives Neguse and Buck.” – **Rebecca Mellino, The Nature Conservancy for Ohio**

"The Native Plant Society of Oregon strongly supports Representatives Neguse, Buck, Case, and Joyce’s resolution designating April 2022 as National Native Plant Month. This resolution recognizes the importance of native plants as well as threats to their continued existence. A national resolution can help promote education on the benefits of native plants and public efforts to conserve, preserve, and enjoy native plants as well as efforts to remove invasive species.” - **Judi Sanders, NPAM Coordinator, Native Plant Society of Oregon**

"Our country’s indigenous plants are the core of so many unique and important ecosystems found here and nowhere else on earth, and they support vast food webs of pollinators, birds and other wildlife. This kind of national recognition shines an important light on our native plants and can inspire citizens to conserve them in native habitats as well as plant them in their home gardens to create vibrant landscapes across the country." - **Lee H. Clippard, Executive Director, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center**

"The Native Plant Society of Texas enthusiastically supports the designation of April 2023 as National Native Plant Month. Our mission as a statewide nonprofit organization is to promote the conservation, research, and utilization of native plants and plant habitats of Texas through education, outreach and example. National recognition of the importance of maintaining native plant communities and limiting invasive plants is essential for promoting the resilience of our planet's ecosystems." "La Sociedad de Plantas Nativas de Texas apoya con entusiasmo la designación de abril de 2023 como el Mes Nacional de las Plantas Nativas. Nuestra misión como organización estatal sin fines de lucro es promover la conservación, la investigación y la utilización de plantas nativas y hábitats de plantas de Texas a través de la educación, la divulgación y el ejemplo. El reconocimiento nacional de la importancia de mantener las comunidades de plantas nativas y limitar las plantas invasoras es esencial para promover la resiliencia de los ecosistemas de nuestro planeta." - **Meg Inglis, Executive Director, Native Plant Society of Texas**

"The Utah Native Plant Society is in full support of the resolution sponsored by Representatives Neguse, Buck, Case, and Joyce designating April 2023 as Native Plant Month and would like to see it become permanent. The resolution recognizes the vital role of native plants in our ecosystems as well as the integral part they play in the magnificent beauty of the national parks of Utah. UNPS strives to protect, educate and conserve the native plants of Utah and appreciates the awareness and national support of such a resolution." - **Cathy King, President, Utah Native Plant Society**

"The Washington Native Plant Society applauds the designation of April as National Native Plant Month and looks forward to emphasizing the importance of our country's native flora and its relationship to our native pollinators, our wildlife, our environment, and ultimately, ourselves. From 2004–2019, Washington State proclaimed a week-long celebration of native plants. Starting in 2020, this grew to a month-long Native Plant Appreciation Month: events, field trips, educational opportunities, and other activities statewide to encourage people to engage with Washington's natural heritage. The Washington Native Plant Society, founded in 1976, strives with its partners to create programs and resources about native plants for everyone, to become more inclusive, and to build leaders in support of its mission to promote the appreciation and conservation of Washington's native plants and their habitats through study, education, and advocacy." - **Denise Mahnke, Business Manager, Washington Native Plant Society**

"Southwest Virginia and Northeast Tennessee represent one of the most diverse areas of native plants in the country. As the Appalachian Highlands

Chapter of the Wild Ones national organization, we endorse the House Resolution designating April as National Native Plant Month. We will continue to promote the use of native plants in landscaping to form natural habitats for wildlife." **Richard Olson, president, Wild Ones Appalachian Highlands Chapter.**